

# Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2020 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Working Group Meeting via ZOOM

Present:	See Attachment A
Next meeting:	October 22, 2020, 10:00am
Prepared by:	Chelsey Hahn, DEEP

### I. Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting began at 10:02am

Co-chairs Matt Knickerbocker First Selectman, Bethel, CT and Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Sustainability & Compliance Office, Branford, CT provided welcoming remarks, introductions, housekeeping, and overview of the Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM) working group process.

### II. Committee Reports

The co-chairs provided some background on the goals of the coalition and introduced the DEEP support staff, Chris Nelson and Tom Metzner, they highlighted the importance of sustainable materials management. A panel composed of the following representatives presented on EPR systems, cost savings, and the EPR programs in CT and beyond:

Jennifer Heaton-Jones, Housatonic Resources Recover Authority (HRRRA) - What is EPR? Definition of terms, specific CT examples (e-waste, paint, mattresses, thermostats)

Tom Metzner, CT DEEP - How CT has benefited from existing EPR programs – savings for municipalities, increased recycling. Potential savings, benefits from packaging and other EPR programs for CT

Scott Cassel, Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) - Common Elements of EPR

Sarah Nichols, Natural Resources Council of Maine - EPR legislation in Maine, conditions that led to proposing EPR for packaging and status of Maine's legislative initiative

### III. Roundtable

There was opportunity for Q&A of the panelists. Working group members were interested in barriers or the impact of EPR on local haulers and local business, the Canadian models of EPR, if the slides will be available for the public to review, if glass EPR exists, PFAS and pollution, what to do with excess food

packaging, the bottle bill, EPR legislation, recycling and packaging, tipping fees, contamination, hazardous waste, and fuel cylinders.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

Members of the public were asked to use the “chat” feature or the “raise hand” feature to indicate if they wanted to make a comment.

Comments were made about tires and tire EP, Question on cost and who pays, Legislature’s 2017 Task Force Report on Packaging and Paper, Bottle bill and recycling beverage containers and Scrap tire recycling.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 11:52AM

Attachment A

Name (Original Name)
Chris Nelson - DEEP (Chris Nelson)
Jen Heaton-Jones
Diana McCarthy-Bercury# Branford
Matthew Knickerbocker
Matthew Knickerbocker - Bethel (Matthew Knickerbocker)
Diana McCarthy-Bercury# Branford
Jen Heaton-Jones - HRRRA (Jen Heaton-Jones)
Scott Cassel
Scott Cassel - PSI (Scott Cassel)
Terri Christenson
Barry ONell
Kelley Dennings
Tom Metzner
Tom Metzner
Sarah Nichols
Sarah Nichols - NRC MAINE (Sarah Nichols)
Carey Hurlburt
Jennifer Baum
Virginia Walton
Deborah Barbieri
Josh Hughes
Joyce Kearns

john sheerin
Dan McGowan
April Regan
James Woulfe
James Woulfe
Sarah Amick
Hillary Glass
Nisha Patel
Michael Bzdyra
Brian Bartram
April Regan
James Albis
Barbara Bettigole
Luis de la Parte
Russell Arnold
Elizabeth Moore
Kim O'Rourke
Kevin Sullivan
Lisa F.
Aaron Budris
John Pizzimenti
Nisha Patel
steve changaris
Brian Sear
Michael Bzdyra
Brian Bartram - Salisbury/Sharon (Brian Bartram)
Josh Hughes
Joyce Kearns - KENT (Joyce Kearns)
Hillary Glass
Barry ONell - Old Saybrook (Barry ONell)
Kelsey Wentling
James Woulfe
Deborah Barbieri - Westport (Deborah Barbieri)
Elizabeth Moore - CT DEEP (Elizabeth Moore)
Virginia Walton - Mansfield (Virginia Walton)
Barbara Bettigole - Salisbury/Sharon (Barbara Bettigole)
Luis de la Parte
Brian Sear - New London (Brian Sear)
Aaron Budris - NVCOG (Aaron Budris)
Lisa F.
Sarah Amick
Nisha Patel

James Woulfe
john sheerin
steve changaris
Kelley Dennings
April Regan
James Albis - CT DEEP (James Albis)
Russell Arnold
Jennifer Baum -HRRRA (Jennifer Baum)
Dan McGowan
John Pizzimenti
Nisha Patel - CT DEEP (Nisha Patel)
Kim O'Rourke - MIDDLETOWN (Kim O'Rourke)
Kevin Sullivan - DEEP (Kevin Sullivan)
Carey Hurlburt
Melissa Biggs
MARISSA GOLISON
Kelsey Wentling
Melissa Biggs
MARISSA GOLISON
Lori Vitagliano
Sherill Baldwin
Greg Costa
Evan Bruning
Greg Costa
Debra Darby
MARISSA GOLISON
Sherill Baldwin - CT DEEP (Sherill Baldwin)
Lori Vitagliano - Regional Water Authority (Lori Vitagliano)
Carey Hurlburt
Evan Bruning
Debra Darby
iris kaminski
iris kaminski - New Haven (iris kaminski)
Michael Johnson
Sean Hughes
Kristin Battistoni
robert isner
Michael Johnson
Sean Hughes
Kristin Battistoni - HADDAM (Kristin Battistoni)

Robert Isner - DEEP (robert isner)
Gary Evans
Gary Evans - Wethersfield (Gary Evans)
Carolyn Bayne
Carolyn Bayne - DARIEN (Carolyn Bayne)
kevin spinella
kevin spinella
Linda Kowalski
Linda Kowalski
Evan Dantos
Evan Dantos
Pierre Barbour
Brian Sullivan
Pierre Barbour -NHSWRA (Pierre Barbour)
Brian Sullivan
Karen Weeks
Karen Weeks
Lisa Fecke
Lisa Fecke
Brendan Fox
Brendan Fox
Mike Noel
Mike Noel
Sean Moore
Katie Dykes
iris kaminski
iris kaminski - New Haven (iris kaminski)
Katie Dykes
Sean Moore
Michael Zembruski
Brendan Fox
Michael Zembruski - FAIRFIELD (Michael Zembruski)
Brendan Fox
Tom Metzner
Tom Metzner - DEEP (Tom Metzner)
Todd Fontanella
Todd Fontanella - Westcog (Todd Fontanella)
Katie Reilly
Katie Reilly

Pamela Roach
Pamela Roach (Pamela Roach)
kevin spinella
kevin spinella
Carey Hurlburt - DEEP (Carey Hurlburt)
Liz Connelly
Liz Connelly
Jennifer Weymouth
Jennifer Weymouth - CT DEEP (Jennifer Weymouth)
Kristin Battistoni
Kristin Battistoni - Haddam (Kristin Battistoni)
James Woulfe
James Woulfe
James Woulfe
Kristin Battistoni
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James Woulfe
kevin spinella
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